MEMORANDUM

To:

Ron Kimble, Acting City Manager

From:

Kerr Putney, Chief of Police

Date:

September 24th, 2016

Subject:

Extraordinary Event Declaration

As the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department prepares for the National Football League football game to be played between the Carolina Panthers and the Minnesota Vikings at Bank of America Stadium and in review of recent protests held in the City of Charlotte, my staff has determined that this event meets the criteria of an Extraordinary Event, as defined in City Ordinance No. 4814. An Extraordinary Event is defined as a large scale event of national or international significance and/or an event expected to attract a significant number of people to a certain portion of the city. In light of recent protests and intentional actions taken by protestors to disrupt traffic flow and several incidents of destruction of property and violence, and in order to provide a safe and secure environment, we will need to expend significant public safety resources during this event. I hereby recommend that the NFL football game between the Carolina Panthers and the Minnesota Vikings, its associated events, and the surrounding geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

Supporting Information:

- The NFL football game between the Carolina Panthers and the Minnesota Vikings, to be played at Bank of America Stadium will take place on September 25th, 2016.
- Large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles significantly impact the transportation and infrastructure of the Center City of Charlotte.
- The attendance capacity of Bank of America Stadium exceeds 70,000 patrons and NFL games played at the stadium attract people to the center city area for parties and viewing of the game in local restaurants.
- Alcohol will be sold at restaurants, bars and "tailgating" parties.
- The City of Charlotte has been the focus of large scale protests each day since September 20, 2016.
- Some participants in the protests have engaged in violent assaults against people in the center city area as well as damaging private property.

A variety of intelligence sources indicate that protests and acts of disruption will continue in Center City Charlotte. Considering there will be large open crowds with public access, there is potential that harm that could take place if a so motivated individual or group had the desire to do so.

In order to provide a safe and secure environment, we will need to expend significant public safety resources during this event. I recommend that this event and geographic location (see attached map) be declared an Extraordinary Event.

Geographic Area: The boundaries of the extraordinary event are the outside right of way or property lines of Cedar Street from its southern termination point to West Trade Street. Trade Street from cedar Street to "The Square" at Tryon Street. Tryon Street from "The Square to West Carson Boulevard. Carson Boulevard from South Tryon Street to the top of the ramp connecting Carson Boulevard to I-277- The John Belk Freeway.

Declaration of Extraordinary Event

Whereas, Charlotte City Code Sec. 15-311 authorizes the City Manager to declare and extraordinary event as defined by City Code Sec. 15-310, to fix the location or boundaries of an extraordinary event, and to establish the period of time of an extraordinary event; and

WHEREAS, in a memorandum dated September 24th 2016, the Chief of Police advised me that the NFL Football game between the Carolina Panthers and the Minnesota Vikings and its ancillary events, scheduled for Sunday, September 25th, 2016 in uptown Charlotte will meet the definition of an extraordinary event; and

WHEREAS, in his September 24th, 2016 memorandum, the Chief of Police further advised that current information indicates that:

- 1. The NFL football game between the Carolina Panthers and the Minnesota Vikings, to be played at Bank of America Stadium will take place on September 25th, 2016.
- 2. Large numbers of pedestrians and vehicles significantly impact the transportation and infrastructure of the Center City of Charlotte.
- 3. The attendance capacity of Bank of America Stadium exceeds 70,000 patrons and NFL games played at the stadium attract people to the center city area for parties and viewing of the game in local restaurants.
- 4. Alcohol will be sold at restaurants, bars and "tailgating" parties.
- 5. The City of Charlotte has been the focus of large scale protests each day since September 20, 2016.
- 6. Some participants in the protests have engaged in violent assaults against people in the center city area as well as damaging private property.

NOW THEREFORE, I HEAREBY DECLARE:

- 1. The NFL football game and its related events is an extraordinary event within the meaning of Charlotte City Code Sec. 15-310.
- 2. The boundaries of the extraordinary event are the outside right of way or property lines of Cedar Street from its southern termination point to West Trade Street. Trade Street from cedar Street to "The Square" at Tryon Street. Tryon Street from "The Square to West Carson Boulevard. Carson Boulevard from South Tryon Street to the top of the ramp connecting Carson Boulevard to I-277- The John Belk Freeway.
- 3. The extraordinary event will begin on Tuesday, February 23^{FI}, 2016 at 6:00 AM and end on Sunday, February 28^{II}, 2016 at 6:00 PM.
- 4. The regulations set forth in City Code Sec. 15-313 shall be in effect within the boundaries and during the time period of the extraordinary event.

This is the 24 day of February, 2016.

Ron Kimble, City Manager

